

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 22, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Matt Young
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess	Robert Arnold
Larry Farley	Joe Russell
Mike Nunley	Tommy Santel
Joe Russell	Virgil Gammon
Michael Gregory	Ken Honeycutt
Melanie Meshotto	Paul Taylor
Barry Hendrixson	Nancy Loyd
Randy Garrett	Mike Bailey
Jacoby O'Gwynn	Paul Taylor
Becky Shelton	

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee toured the PAWS adoption/rescue trailer prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Committee was provided monthly reports for Juvenile Detention, PAWS, Emergency Management Agency, County Fire/Rescue, Correctional Work Center, OSHA, Domestic Violence, Drug Court and Ambulance Service for approval on a Consent Agenda. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the Juvenile Detention, PAWS, Emergency Management Agency, County Fire/Rescue, Correctional Work Center, OSHA, Domestic Violence, Drug Court and Ambulance Service reports by Consent Agenda. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Michael Gregory presented a PAWS proposed budget amendment of \$6,500 from Account #101-58900-425 (Miscellaneous/Gasoline) to Account #101-55120-425 (PAWS/Gasoline) to provide sufficient funding to cover gasoline expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the PAWS budget amendment of \$6,500 from Account #101-58900-425 (Miscellaneous/Gasoline) to Account #101-55120-425 (PAWS/Gasoline). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Gregory next requested authorization to apply for the Animal Friendly grant with the State of Tennessee for proceeds from sale of license plates advising no matching funds were required. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to authorize applying for the Animal Friendly grant with the State of Tennessee and execution of same by appropriate County officials. This

motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Larry Farley next presented a County Fire/Rescue proposed budget amendment of \$15,000 from Account #101-54320-790 (Other Equipment) to Account #101-54320-338 (Maint/Repair Vehicles) to provide adequate funding for vehicle repairs. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the County Fire/Rescue budget amendment of \$15,000 from Account #101-54320-790 (Other Equipment) to Account #101-54320-338 (Maint/Repair Vehicles). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

REQUEST PERMISSION TO APPLY TO CHRISTY HOUSTON FOUNDATION FOR RESCUE TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE BOAT FOR EMS-SORT:

The next issue before the Committee was applying to Christy Houston Foundation for a rescue truck for the Fire Department and a rescue boat for EMS-SORT. Commissioner Young advised he did not want any money cut from the Fire Department budget if applying for a rescue truck. There is currently \$250,000 in the budget. Commissioner Young advised he had spoken with Rescue Squad Chief Dana Blair about the LaVergne boat and the boat is available anytime the County needs it with a Memorandum of Understanding in case the boat or equipment is destroyed.

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve applying to Christy Houston Foundation for a rescue truck and authorize appropriate County officials to execute the same. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Commissioner Young advised since the LaVergne boat is available he would rather use Christy Houston money for something else as grants are few and far between and the department needs to prioritize its needs. Mr. Nunley advised Christy Houston has been generous to the County supplying four ambulances, the boat the County currently has, one-half of the SORT building, cardiac monitors, etc. Commissioner Young advised equipment was better to ask for than the boat. The call volume for the boat is not a priority versus other calls. Mr. Nunley advised he did not think LaVergne had sonar for recovery operations. The boat is approximately \$57,000. Commissioner Shafer advised he would like to see the Ambulance Service work it out with LaVergne and not wear out the welcome with Christy Houston. Mayor Burgess advised Christy Houston has indicated a willingness to approve the request. Chairman Farley advised it would be mass confusion from an operational standpoint to change out equipment on the boat. Commissioner Young inquired where the boat would be stored and Mr. Nunley advised he guessed at certain times of the year it would be put at the Central Smyrna location. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve applying to Christy Houston Foundation for a rescue boat and authorize appropriate County officials to execute the same. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Peay, J. Phillips, T. Phillips, Shafer and Farley voting "yes" and Commissioners Stevens and Young voting "no"."

DEAD STOCK REMOVAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR FY 2013-14:

The Committee was advised the proposed contract is the same as last year with no increase in cost for removal of large animals. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the Dead Stock Removal Service Agreement and

forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Mr. Nunley next presented an Ambulance Service proposed budget amendment of \$15,000 from Account #118-55130-133 (Paraprofessionals Payroll) and \$25,000 from Account #118-55130-148 (Dispatch Payroll) with \$40,000 to Account #118-55130-187 (Overtime Pay); \$10,000 from Account #118-55130-322 (Evaluation & Testing) and \$15,000 from Account #118-55130-451 (Uniforms) with \$25,000 to Account #118-55130-338 (Maint & Repairs - Vehicles). Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$15,000 from Account #118-55130-133 (Paraprofessionals Payroll) and \$25,000 from Account #118-55130-148 (Dispatch Payroll) with \$40,000 to Account #118-55130-187 (Overtime Pay); \$10,000 from Account #118-55130-322 (Evaluation & Testing) and \$15,000 from Account #118-55130-451 (Uniforms) with \$25,000 to Account #118-55130-338 (Maint & Repairs - Vehicles). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

AMBULANCE SERVICE 13/14 BUDGET:

The budget was initially presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Stevens questioned the Community Relations position and whether it was critical to operation of the department. Commissioner Young advised he wanted the position absorbed by other paramedics and ask if Station Managers should be on twenty-four hour shifts. Commissioner Young advised the Ambulance Service has an HR position and the County has an HR position and the Ambulance Service is the only department with its own HR. Mr. Nunley advised the Sheriff's Department has its own HR. Commissioner Young advised the department was grossly top heavy and he wanted better utilization. Mayor Burgess advised the department is not top heavy and Station Managers fill in when employees are out. Mayor Burgess stated the Ambulance Service is one of the most efficient departments in the County. Additionally, most of the increase in the budget is in capital expenditures that are not in the current budget. Mayor Burgess advised he will recommend \$250,000 be included in the budget for the SORT building renovations or a new station but this would go to Property Management Committee before any money is spent. Commissioner Stevens ask if this money could be left out for now because when money is appropriated it is usually spent. Mr. Nunley advised he resented the implication the money would be spent on other things as his department is returning \$300,950 this year. Commissioner J. Phillips advised he remembered eight to ten years ago the department was losing employees after getting them trained and the County adjusted hours and did some things to make the jobs attractive to keep employees. Making wholesale changes may get the department back into that situation and the Ambulance Service may always require support.

Commissioner Peay questioned if the budget presented would require a tax increase and Mayor Burgess advised the pennies allocated are more than sufficient and some may even be allocated to other departments.

Commissioner Peay advised he did not like everything in the budget and he too wants to look at the Community Relations position and where a new station would go.

Commissioner Stevens ask if any county has privatized the ambulance service and Chairman Farley advised Knox County has and the service is not as good. Commissioner Young advised Williamson County has its service through Williamson County hospital and it is good

service.

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to forward the 13/14 Ambulance Service budget to the Budget Committee without any changes. This motion was withdrawn."

"Commissioner Shafer moved to forward the 13/14 Ambulance Service budget to the Budget Committee but reducing Line Item 718 by \$57,000 and reducing Line Item 735 by \$30,000. This motion failed for lack of a second."

"Commissioner Young moved to forward the 13/14 Ambulance Service budget to the Budget Committee but reducing Line Item 718 by \$57,000 and funding four AEDs for supervisor's vehicles. This motion failed for lack of a second."

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to forward the presented 13/14 Ambulance Service budget to the Budget Committee as amended."

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to amend the original motion to eliminate the Community Relations Coordinator position. This motion failed by roll call vote with Commissioners Peay, Stevens, and Young voting "yes" and Commissioners J. Phillips, T. Phillips, Shafer and Farley voting "no".

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to amend the original motion to reduce Line Item 718 by \$57,000. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to amend the original motion to remove the \$250,000 for the new station or SORT renovation from the budget until a plan is in place. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Peay, T. Phillips, Shafer, Stevens and Young voting "yes" and Commissioners J. Phillips and Farley voting "no".

Mayor Burgess advised he with Mr. Nunley and Mr. Nunley's staff can provide information on any Committee request and if the \$250,000 were left in it cannot be spent until the matter goes before the Property Management Committee and Commission. Commissioner T. Phillips received confirmation the money would come from the reserve anyway.

"Commissioner Young moved to amend the original motion to cut all but five AEDs for supervisor's vehicles. This motion failed for lack of a second."

"The original motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Peay, J. Phillips, T. Phillips, Shafer and Farley voting "yes" and Commissioners Stevens and Young voting "no".

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT AND BUDGET:

The Committee was first provided proposed budget amendments of \$1,113 increase to Account #44570 with \$209 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts), \$654 increase to Account #54110-499 (Other Supplies) and \$250 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$840 increase to Account #44130 (Sale of Materials) with \$196 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts) and \$644 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$3,307 increase to Account #44145 (Sale/Rec/Materials) and \$3,307 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$11,500 from Account #54210-399 (Other Cont Svs) and \$16,500 from Account #54210-717 (Other Equip) with \$28,000 to Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg); \$6,000 from Account #54210-336 (R/M Equip) to Account #54210-421 (Food Prep Sup); and \$85,000 from Account #101-39000 (Undesig Funds) to Account #54210-422 (Food

for Inmates). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the budget amendments of \$1,113 increase to Account #44570 with \$209 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts), \$654 increase to Account #54110-499 (Other Supplies) and \$250 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$840 increase to Account #44130 (Sale of Materials) with \$196 increase to Account #54110-399 (Other Contracts) and \$644 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$3,307 increase to Account #44145 (Sale/Rec/Materials) and \$3,307 increase to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$11,500 from Account #54210-399 (Other Cont Svs) and \$16,500 from Account #54210-717 (Other Equip) with \$28,000 to Account #54210-335 (R/M Bldg); \$6,000 from Account #54210-336 (R/M Equip) to Account #54210-421 (Food Prep Sup); and \$85,000 from Account #101-39000 (Undesig Funds) to Account #54210-422 (Food for Inmates). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was provided the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next presented the 13/14 proposed Sheriff's Department budget. Mayor Burgess advised there have been extended discussions but he has not made a recommendation yet.

Sheriff Arnold and Joe Russell first reviewed projected revenues with the Committee. As to Account 54110 two new SRO positions are included as well as three narcotics positions being absorbed. Salaries include a 3% increase and a Step increase. Sheriff Arnold advised the Drug Fund is spent at the discretion of the Sheriff and he has plans for the fund. Commissioner Stevens inquired if the drug money could be used and Sheriff Arnold advised he wanted to rebuild the drug fund and wants to get back in a position to buy vehicles. The Narcotics Division has not been able to buy what they need to operate and the division can be shut down if the County does not want to fund it. Commissioner J. Phillips ask for numbers on the narcotics positions and was advised the numbers were under last year's budget.

Sheriff Arnold advised thirty cars per year are needed to stay current with vehicles. The thirty vehicles is twenty-five from patrol and five from administration. The department drives over 2,000,000 miles per year.

Barry Hendrixson reviewed examples of duties of SROs. The Committee was advised most SROs hired July 1 would not be ready to be in schools until January.

The budget as presented is a \$4,800,000 increase over the current budget without SROs for all schools. Mayor Burgess advised he would make his recommendation at the Budget Committee.

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to forward Sheriff's Department Budget #54110 to the Budget Committee with no recommendation but add SROs at \$1,459,640 with the Budget Committee to decide after it has the numbers. The new SRO line will be added as a separate line item. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Commissioner J. Phillips pointed out with the inclusion of the SROs the budget is \$6,500,000 over last year or a 34% increase.

The Committee next reviewed the budget for Account #54210. Sheriff Arnold advised CTAS, Department of Justice and Grand Jury reports all say the department needs fifty-two new jailers but he knows he will not get all these positions. Sheriff Arnold advised he does need the PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) position. Sheriff Arnold advised he does need the 52 jailers but he has ask and this is now on the Commission.

Mr. Russell will review the totals for the budget of Account #54210 as they did not appear correct.

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to forward the Sheriff's Department budget for Account #54210 to the Budget Committee with no recommendation. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee next reviewed the proposed budget for Account #54120 which is Special Patrols and is money from the Corp of Engineers for lake patrol duty. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Young, to forward the budget for Account #54120 to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee next reviewed the proposed budget for Account #54150 Drug Enforcement. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to forward the budget for Account #54150 to the Budget Committee with no recommendation. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee next reviewed the proposed budget for Account #54160 Administration of Sex Offender. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to forward the budget for Account #54160 to the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation."

The Committee was next provided the proposed budget for Account #54110 Spec Purpose which is the DEA fund for its information.

RESCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting will be rescheduled to May 28 at 5:30 p.m.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman